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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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The submitted documents came to Applicants' attention during the search of a corresponding international application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached. The report cites the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

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